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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6377

BILL NUMBER: HB 1311

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 15, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Hearing Aid Assistance Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. C. Lawson

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA), the Department of Education (DOE), and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to study the need for a hearing aid refurbishing program and study specified issues related to Indiana children who are hearing-impaired and the level of need for hearing aid assistance. The bill requires the agencies to report the findings of the study to the Health Finance Commission for the Commission's review during the 2009 interim.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill would require the three agencies, FSSA, DOE, and the ISDH, to cooperatively study certain information in order to ascertain the level of need for hearing aid assistance for children and the need for a hearing aid refurbishing program. The three agencies should be capable of conducting the study within the current level of resources available to the agencies.

The bill requires the results of the study to be reported to the Health Finance Commission before September 1, 2009. The Health Finance Commission is required to review and study the agencies' findings during the 2009 interim session. This bill would have a minimal impact in FY 2010 only if the committee held a meeting or meetings that it would not have held were it not for the need to study the topic assigned under the bill. If the committee met an additional time or times to consider the topic, per diem and travel expenses for the committee would increase. However, total expenses for the committee could not exceed its budget, which is established by the Legislative Council. The budget for the 2008 interim was \$16,500.

The Health Finance Commission is funded from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council

and Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: (Revised) FSSA, DOE, ISDH, LSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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